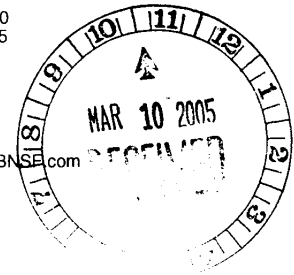




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Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 405X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Pawnee, Nebraska and Endicott, Nebraska

Dear Secretary Williams:

On November 12, 2003, BNSF filed a Petition for Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 59.23 miles of railroad line between milepost 57.80, near Pawnee, and milepost 117.03, near Endicott, in Jefferson, Gage, and Pawnee Counties, Nebraska. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 68420, 68323, 68381, 68466, 68310, 68415, 68432, 68352, and 68350. By decision served March 1, 2004, the STB granted the authority to abandon effective as of March 31, 2004. This letter is to advise you that we are consummating abandonment of that portion of this line between milepost 114.91 and milepost 117.03, effective March 10, 2005. We plan to consummate the remainder of the line in the near future and will advise you of such consummation.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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